

# DATING OLD WELSH HOUSES PROJECT

## DENDROCHRONOLOGY RESULTS

### THE GEORGE & DRAGON

Church Street, BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY (SH 605 761)

*Felling dates: Winter 1536/7, Winter 1539/40, Winter 1540/41, and Spring 1541*

Axial beam 1540(22¼C), 1536(17C); Transverse beam 1539(32C); Joists 1540(31C), 1539(41C, 34C), 1534(21).

*Site Master* 1437-1540 ANGLSY1 (*t* = 8.6 PLASMAWR; 7.7 SOUTH; 7.6 WALES97).

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#### HOUSE DESCRIPTION

An important timber-framed and jettied range on a corner site. The wall-framing has been lost and it is difficult to establish if this impressive range had a commercial function. The upper floor was not sampled; it is noted for wall paintings dated 1610.

Published account RCAHMW, *Anglesey Inventory* (1937), p. 15; a detailed survey (2010) commissioned by NWWDP is available in the NMRW.

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The present list includes sampling commissioned by the North-West Wales Dendrochronology Project (in association with RCAHMW). The North-West Wales Dendrochronology Project (NWWDP) is a community-based project which aims to date historic houses throughout the historic counties of north-west Wales. Sampling in Gwynedd (Merioneth and Caernarfonshire) is often difficult because of fast-grown timber, but cross-matching has also suggested that Irish timber may have been imported for building in treeless Anglesey.

Medieval houses dating from before 1400 remain elusive. Hallhouses that have been dated are within the ranges already established for gentry and peasant halls. The apparently coeval fireplace and hall-truss at Tyn-lan suggests that some hallhouses may have had enclosed fireplaces in the early sixteenth century. The first generation of storeyed houses of Snowdonian type are surprisingly early, pre-dating the general insertion of fireplaces in hallhouses from about 1575. Several C15th and C16th town-houses were dated in Beaumaris, Caernarfon and Conway, and are a very useful addition to our knowledge of urban buildings. Detailed surveys of many of the houses sampled are available in the National Monuments Record of Wales (NMRW), the public archive of the Royal Commission.

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